

ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER.

There will be union Christmas exercises at the Methodist church Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

Mrs. Perle Bacon, who has been very sick, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Edith Stone who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Lura Hutchinson of West Lebanon, has returned to Delos Bacon's.

Miss Logan who is at Mrs. Clark's, will spend Christmas with her aunt at East Burke.

Miss Mattie Hill spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Martha Hill.

Miss Clara Peak who has been keeping house for William Gould, has now gone to U. S. Goss.

Wide Awake Grange met with Green Mountain Grange Saturday evening. The principal feature of the entertainment was the bean bag throwing, the decisive contest to be held at Wide Awake hall next Saturday evening. Green Mountain Grange is now ahead and if the other Grange does not improve their record they will have the pleasure of furnishing the supper. Those who participate from the Green Mountain hall are as follows: George Willey, Geo. Wheeler, Charlie Whitney, L. W. Larson, Ed. Gray, Mrs. Woodbury, Mrs. Perle Bacon, Mrs. L. W. Larson, Clara Peak, Mrs. Charlie Whitney. Those from the Wide Awake hall are: Fred Hill, Ezra Learned, Jim Learned, Frank Brewer, E. H. Hallett, Mrs. Fred Hill, Mrs. Ezra Learned, Mrs. Jim Learned, Mrs. Sarah Piper and Ida Learned.

At the Pomona meeting at Green Mountain hall the following officers were elected for the coming year: Master, E. A. Gray; overseer, H. C. Powers; steward, H. J. Beck; assistant steward, Fred Hill; lecturer, E. H. Hallett; chaplain, Mrs. E. H. Hallett; treasurer, Joe Ranney; secretary, Maria Gordon; gate keeper, Ida Brewer; Pomona, Mrs. H. J. Beck; Flora, Mrs. Ella Kidney; Ceres, S. B. Hooker.

Miss Elizabeth Beane of Barton is spending Christmas week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Beane.

As Mrs. Nettie Ayer was returning home from carrying her cream Monday morning the children sliding on Church street frightened her horse and at the corner, by Park's store, the sleigh was tipped over and as she kept hold of the reins the horse dragged her about ten feet before assistance came. Nothing was broken and Mrs. Ayer was luckily only shaken up a little.

The election of officers in the Sunday school will take place next Sunday. It is earnestly hoped that all who are interested in the school will remain.

The Brook children, who have been having the mumps, are better.

COUNTY COURT.

Very little more work remains to be done in court this term and an adjournment will probably be taken tomorrow afternoon.

The case of George L. Johnson v. W. W. Cate in general assumpsit was finished Wednesday when the jury brought in a verdict for the defendant to recover his costs. A motion for a new trial has been filed. Dunnett and Slack were the attorneys for Johnson, and May and Simonds for Cate.

The next case on trial was State v. Frank B. Stanley for breaking jail. The jury were empaneled Thursday and testimony given until Friday when the court ordered a verdict of not guilty. In ordering the verdict the court said in part: There were two counts in this case, one for breaking jail and one for escaping from an officer, but the first count was in effect null and void. We have no statute in regard to escaping an officer so the trial was to proceed under the common law and under the rules of common law applicable to that offense. It seems to the court that where one is charged with the offense simply of escaping from an officer that he cannot be tried on that offense until the original charge against him is tried, the charge under which he was arrested. The view the court takes is that the respondent cannot be tried on this offense of escaping from an officer until after the determination of the original charge against him, which you have heard and which, as you know, is still pending, so the court directs a verdict of not guilty on that ground and that ground alone. States Attorney Morse assisted by B. E. Ballard prosecuted for the state and Howe and Porter defended. The jurors were then excused for the term.

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Church Notes.

Rev. Fr. J. A. Lynch was unable on account of illness, to preach at the First Baptist church Sunday evening, and the date of his sermon will be announced later.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Odd Fellows' block. Sunday morning service at 10.45. Subject, "God." Wednesday evening meeting at 7.30. Children's Sunday school at 10.45. The reading room is open every day in the week except Monday, from 2 to 5.

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Death of Emory Powers.

Emory Powers, who lived with his brother on a farm on one of the roads to Waterford, died at the St. Johnsbury Hospital Friday and the funeral was held at the Universalist church Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. A. F. Welch. Apollo Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of which he was a member, attended in a body. Mr. Powers was for many years a machinist at the scale works and was regarded when there as one of the most expert machinists at the factory. He was also an inventor, having invented a letter opener which many of our readers have seen. He was unmarried and about 55 years old.

STATE NEWS.

Bradstreet's Vermont Weekly Trade Report.

As reported to Bradstreet's lumbering operations are probably more active in the state than any other manufacturing industry; nearly every section contributes to a greater or less degree in the production of lumber and the fall of snow is very opportune for logging; prices remain firm, demand good. In many other lines manufacturers are but moderately busy, the tendency being to curtail production where stock would accumulate if plants were worked to their capacity. There is a good demand for common laborers and teams for the lumber districts but there is probably more idleness among skilled workmen than there has been for some time. The snow has been of benefit to the water situation, but some of the larger places are much exercised because of lack of water and farmers are greatly inconvenienced where nearby wells and springs are dry. Retail trade is large, weather conditions being particularly favorable for the merchants. A number of the larger towns have been canvassed by parties who are introducing trading stamps for the use of the retail merchant, but while the storekeepers are anxious to use proper methods to increase trade it seems to be the general impression that the margin of profit which the merchant now receives is too small to admit of any unnecessary expenditure.

The garment factory at St. Albans is busy, other manufacturers fairly employed. A serious problem in the local situation is the lack of water in the city, which has resulted in closing the mains for public use except for a short time each day. Bellows Falls reports the paper mills busy, except where low water in the river prevents running the machinery; other plants busy, retail trade and collections good. Business in all respects as usual at Brattleboro, conditions favoring a good holiday trade. St. Johnsbury reports the manufacturers not so busy as usual, retail dealers are having a good holiday business, collections fair. Hardwick reports more men employed in granite business than last year at this time, holiday trade good, collections fair. Burlington reports the manufacturing industries moderately active, wholesale trade of usual volume, collections fair. A large number of people are coming into the city for holiday goods, indications pointing to a good season's trade. The various manufacturing plants at Rutland are running well, retail brisk. In Barre the stone sheds are somewhat quiet but are doing a large business in the aggregate. The stores are well stocked in anticipation of holiday trade, which opens well. Business conditions are normal at Montpelier except for the lack of sufficient water which is quite serious; the granite business is quiet but retail trade is very good.

Death of General Thomas.

General Stephen Thomas died at his home at Montpelier, Friday, at the age of 84 years. He was born in Bethel, Dec. 6, 1809. He was but four years old when his father died and he was

obliged to go to work when a mere boy. His early schooling was obtained in the district school in Thetford and later he followed the trade of woolen manufacturer in several towns around there, finally settling in West Fairlee. He represented his town six years and was also a senator from the county in 1848 and 1849. Judge Thomas was active in politics and was the democratic candidate for governor in 1860. At the special session called by Gov. Fairbanks at the outbreak of the rebellion in April, 1861, the greatest sum proposed to be raised for war purposes was half a million dollars, but Judge Thomas urged with energy that it be a million—and his fiery zeal carried the appropriation which he well knew would be needed. Nov. 12, 1861, he was made colonel of the 8th Vt., which regiment he raised and led to the south, remaining in colonel till Jan. 21, 1865. In February he was commissioned brigadier-general of volunteers and served as such till August 24, 1865. He was elected lieutenant governor in 1867 and 1868 and was pension agent for Vermont from 1870 to 1877. Gen. Thomas married Anna Peabody of Reading, who died at West Fairlee Jan. 8, 1877. They had two children—Harriet of Junction City, W. V., and Amanda P., widow of Luther Newcomb, who was many years county clerk at Montpelier. Since the death of his wife Gen. Thomas had made his home at Montpelier with his daughter, Mrs. Newcomb, until her death a year ago. He had held the highest places of honor in the gift of the various veteran associations in the state. The Camp of the Sons of Veterans at the capital, being the "S. S. open Thomas Camp." He was the idol of the common soldier, and the veterans seem to add year by year to the enthusiasm for the bluff-sometimes gruff and always brave—old general.

Water Famine at St. Albans.

St. Albans is hit as hard as any city in the state by the water famine and the city water is turned on only one hour a day. All kinds of receptacles are then pressed into service to save the water, and the sediment is so thick it is hardly fit to drink. The two reservoirs that are supplied from Fairfax pond are steadily failing and one is nearly dry. The Central Vermont is running two special water trains, one a Sheldon Junction and the other to Winton. The Sheldon Junction train is made up of oil tanks pressed into service and the Swanton train is made up of engine tenders. All the heavy power engines are being sent out of the city water as soon as they arrive here with trains, not one being permitted to take water in St. Albans.

A Queer African Tribe.

The Suk tribe of Africa who their hair into a kind of oblong shaped matted chignon stiffened with clay. The tribes reaches almost to waist. The Siks also wear a curious cape made of monkey skin rubbed smooth. This cape is not worn for warmth or protection from the sun, but when it rains they put the cape over their heads to prevent the clay being washed off of their hair.

The Usual Way.

"I suppose Jinks is proud of his boy, but he hasn't taken the usual way of showing his friend that he is."

A Little Outside Help.

"He is, entirely—except for a couple of coats of whitewash which he has received from investigating committees."

As riches and favor forsake a man we discover him to be a fool, but nobody could find it out in his prosperity.—Aunt Sarah.

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Sheriff's Sale of Land upon Execution.

The following described land and premises execution in favor of L. E. Gillilan, of Barnet, and against William Wallace of said Barnet to wit: It being the same land and premises owned by S. Stoddard and wife to William Wallace, June 11, 1902, and recorded in book 30, page 53, of Barnet land records to which reference is made, and is being sold by me at public auction to the highest bidder, as the law directs, at the town clerk's office in the town of Barnet on the 30th day of January, A. D. 1904, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at St. Johnsbury, this 22nd day of December, 1903.

Presentation of Account.

L. D. HAZELTON'S ESTATE. STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia District, ss. In Probate Court, held at the probate office in St. Johnsbury, in said district, on the 19th day of December, A. D. 1903.

Henry A. Gillilan, administrator upon the estate of Lorenzo D. Hazleton, late of Barnet, in said district, deceased, presents his administration account for examination and allowance, and makes application for decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased.

Whereupon it is ordered by said court, that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the probate office in said St. Johnsbury, on the 11th day of January, A. D. 1904, for hearing and decision thereon. And it is further ordered, that notice hereof be given to all persons interested in said estate by the publication of a newspaper published at St. Johnsbury, previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed and such decree made.

By the Court, Attest, WALTER P. SMITH, Judge.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the North Danville Co-operative Creamery Association will be held at Weeks Hall in North Danville, January 7, 1904, at 2 p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before the said meeting.

C. B. STEVENS, Secretary, North Danville, Vt., Dec. 21, 1903.

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